

APPENDIX A: STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE REPORT

From: Murdo, Damon
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2009 8:32 AM
To: Knotek, Ladd
Subject: RE: Rainy Dam Project

July 30, 2009

Ladd Knotek
Fisheries Mgmt. Biologist
FWP

RE: RAINY DAM TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT. SHPO Project #: 2009072907

Dear Mr. Knotek:

I have conducted a cultural resource file search for the above-cited project located in Section 11, T18N R16W. According to our records there have been no previously recorded sites within the designated search locales. The absence of cultural properties in the area does not mean that they do not exist but rather may reflect the absence of any previous cultural resource inventory in the area, as our records indicated none.

It is SHPO's position that any structure over fifty years of age is considered historic and is potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. If any structures are to be altered and are over fifty years old we would recommend that they be recorded and a determination of their eligibility be made.

As long as there will be no disturbance or alteration to structures over fifty years of age we feel that there is a low likelihood cultural properties will be impacted. We, therefore, feel that a recommendation for a cultural resource inventory is unwarranted at this time. However, should structures need to be altered or if cultural materials be inadvertently discovered during this project we would ask that our office be contacted and the site investigated.

If you have any further questions or comments you may contact me at (406) 444-7767 or by e-mail at dmurdo@mt.gov <<mailto:dmurdo@mt.gov>>. Thank you for consulting with us.

Sincerely,

Damon Murdo
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State Historic Preservation Office

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